

**MAERTENS et al**  
**S rial No. 09/686,964**

The applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I.  
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as examination of all of the pending claims would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

The applicants note from the Examiner's statements in paragraph 6, spanning pages 4-5 of the Office Action dated February 13, 2002 (Paper No. 6) that further election of a specific sequence is not required as Group I has been elected. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned however if otherwise.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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